Monday saw the start of the HSC examinations with our students joining more than 77,000 students across 750 exam centres. Students nervously gathered for the first English paper which began at 10.20am and went for 2 hours. This is also a nervous time for all the staff who eagerly wait to see the examination paper (they have to wait until half an hour before the end of the exams to get their hands on a copy of the paper) and to hear how the students have gone. The reactions of the students as they came out of the examination was predictably mixed with some students saying it was good, others okay and some saying they did not like it.

The exams will continue through until November 4. After this date the 1.2 million scripts will be marked and results will be released at 6am on Wednesday 16 December.
Bailey reigns supreme in All Schools Athletics Championships

On Saturday 10th October, in front of a large crowd at Sydney’s Olympic Park, Year 12 student Bailey Jones became the best Triple Jumper for his age in NSW. The combined high schools meet saw over 1400 students from all walks of education, public, private and selective, compete against each other to find the overall state champion in all athletics events.

After placing 3rd at the Public School State Championships, Bailey competed against his counterparts from private and selective high schools, and came away as champion with a massive jump of 12.8m. In an electric atmosphere, Bailey produced an amazing jump that thrilled the crowd, including his very proud parents, sister and grandmother. Bailey went on to place 3rd in the long jump and can be very proud of that achievement as well.

It is important to note that Bailey is a true natural talent at triple jump. Other students train up to four times a week and have personal trainers. Bailey is self-taught and self-motivated and lives in an area that doesn’t even have a triple jump pit.

Bailey laughingly says that he got his speed from his father, English teacher Peter Jones, but not his coordination! Wherever the talent came from, it has placed Bailey in a position to join the NSW Athletics Association and compete at the Australian Athletics Junior Championships in Perth from 8-13 March 2016.

Bailey is looking forward to a career in sport and this exposure and experience will help him make great decisions in regard to his future. Bombala High School is very proud of Bailey and his achievements, and we wish him the best of luck as he goes on to compete at this elite level.
This week in Careers (Week 2 Term 4)

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI) NUMBERS
New legislation which came in on 1st January 2015 now requires any student who completes a vocational course outside of school to have a USI number. This includes TAFE and private providers (for example first aid courses, RSA and RCG). The advantage of this new system is that all course transcripts and certificates will be available on the one site. It is much easier to apply for a USI number through the school. I have given the paperwork to Year 10 and 11 students to start with, hoping that every student in the school will have a USI number by the end of 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

YEAR 11 IN2UNI UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG (UOW) BEGA CAMPUS VISIT
The paperwork has been handed to Year 11 students for this very important excursion. Even if students at this stage are not aspiring to attend university, I would encourage all of them to keep their options open and join us for this very informative day. The date for the visit is Friday 30 October 2015. There will be no cost to students as UOW are subsidising the bus travel. Completed permission notes are to be handed to the office or myself no later than 27 October 2015. Thank you to UOW.

BOMBALA BAKERY JUNIOR CASUAL POSITIONS
There are two vacancies for casual juniors at Bombala Bakery available in the near future. Juniors would be required to work after school and weekends. If there are any students interested, please drop your resume in to Melissa at the Bakery. If you require assistance with completing a resume or would like any further information please contact me.

MOVING ON UP PERFORMANCE
We are very lucky to have been offered this excellent performance. Students in Years 7 and 8 will be attending at 9.30 am on Monday 19 October 2015 in the multipurpose hall. The performance looks at the different pathways to achieve success in the future in an entertaining and thought provoking way. The performance has been offered to regional schools at no charge. I can’t wait to see the performance myself and get feedback from the students that are able to attend. A report will be in next week’s newsletter. Any parents and caregivers wishing to attend please let me know.

CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE
This service offers professional, friendly and impartial advice following the release of HSC results. The service is free and available by phone (1 300 300 687) or through their website (www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au). Parents and carers may also use this service if they are seeking advice on a student’s behalf. The Careers Advisory Service is available from Friday 18 December to Wednesday 23 December 2015. The website also contains helpful information to assist students in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAY 2016
Our date for this valuable experience for Year 12 students in 2016 has been confirmed for Tuesday 2 February 2016. Registrations will open online on Wednesday 21 October for interested students and it is important that we register as early as possible because many of the lectures have limited numbers. I will be working with Year 11 to finalise all information, registrations and payments by the end of Term 4 as the date is very early next year. Every student who has attended this excursion in the past has come back buzzing from the experience. As a guide, the cost for the excursion last year including accommodation, some catering and travel was $90.00 per student. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information at this stage.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – UC FOR YOURSELF VISIT, UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA (UC)
Expressions of interest to attend this UC experience are open. Whilst the focus is on Year 10 students, we would like to invite any student who would like to attend from Years 7-11. The date for this excursion is Thursday 26 November and the cost of coach travel is fully subsidised by UC. This is a fantastic excursion which highlights the day of a university student and students are able to attend lectures, tour the campus and campus accommodation. I would recommend this visit highly. We value our partnership with UC. Paperwork will be available later in the week.
STOP PRESS .....  
A huge congratulations to 4 of our current Year 12 students who have received an unconditional Early Entry place into the University of Wollongong. Nikki Hepburn, Hannah Ingram, Tayla Mikula and Laiken Clear have all secured a place at UOW before their HSC exams started. We are proud of your achievement. This is the first year UOW has made non ATAR dependent offers so you girls must have impressed them. Well done and please keep me posted when other Year 12 students receive their offers – we really enjoy sharing your success!

Donna Shelley  
Careers

Thank you, Sharon!

Sharon Hampshire has been cleaning Bombala High School for the past 15 years and what a stellar job she has done.

The time has come for a career change, so, Sharon isn’t leaving us altogether as she has taken up a position at Bombala High School as a School Learning Support Officer.

Sharon has been working casually in this position and is building a wonderful rapport with the student whom she is working with.

Bombala High P&C Meeting

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Tuesday 20 October

@7:00pm in the library

All welcome!

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We look forward to seeing some new faces at the meeting.

Please come along and have a say in your child’s education.

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